

BASIN TRANSIT

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, July 28, 2022 5:00 p.m.  
Basin Transit Operations Center  
62405 Verbena Road  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Abel led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jeff Drozd	Danielle Harrington
Karmolette O'Gilvie	Ben Sasnett
McArthur Wright	Merl Abel

Members Absent:

Ellen Jackman

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Employee of the Quarter**

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized Paula Baldwin as the Employee of the Quarter. Matt shared that Paula has been with Basin Transit since September 2011 and has worked as a Coach Operator, Dispatch, and is currently serving as the Dispatch Supervisor. Matt shared that this was Paula's third time being recognized as the Employee of the Quarter during her tenure at Basin Transit. Matt continued to share that Paula was being recognized this time for all she has done to keep the shifts covered during the staffing shortage, including the long hours she's put in herself to ensure that services continue operating on schedule. Matt closed out his recognition by thanking Paula on behalf of Basin Transit staff.

The Board simultaneously extended their thanks to Paula.

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5.1 Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- 5.2 Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Board Meeting
- 5.3 Treasurer's Report for April and May 2022
- 5.4 Warrant Register through May 31, 2022
- 5.5 Ridership Reports
- 5.6 Financial Reports
- 5.7 General Manager's Reports
- 5.8 Operations Report

**ACTION:** Board Member O'Gilvie moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.8); seconded by Board Member Wright: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

**6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**7.0 OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Approval to Rewrap Vehicles

Cheri Holsclaw presented visual images of the rebranding campaign that included the proposed new look of the buses, bus stop signs, and Coach Operator uniform shirts. A more in-depth discussion developed on the various rebranding activities. Chair Abel closed out the discussion by entertaining a motion to approve moving forward with painting and rewinding the buses with the new Basin Transit brand.

**ACTION:** Board Member Wright moved to approve authorization of staff to proceed with the painting and installation of vehicle wraps with the work being completed by Decals by Design and Yucca Auto Body, per MBTA's Non-Competitive Acquisition Policy; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

## **9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE**

Cheri Holsclaw shared that MBTA hit 100 Safety Days on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. 100 Safety Days is an incentive program with a goal of reaching 100 days without a preventable accident. Non-preventable accidents such as the recent hit-and-run on a stopped MBTA bus are not included in the equation since there is nothing staff could have done to prevent the accident. It was shared that the "hit-and-run" driver involved in the accident had not been apprehended and the accident was still under investigation. Cheri also shared that staff morale has been really good, in part due to the new bowling team and hiring three (3) new drivers which is giving existing staff some relief, among other teambuilding activity considerations.

## **10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Sasnett congratulated Paula on being awarded Employee of the Quarter and stated that he was pleased with the progress of the bus wraps.

Board Member Drozd echoed Board Member Sasnett's comments and stated that he thinks MBTA is on the right track.

Board Member O'Gilvie congratulated Paula on being named Employee of the Quarter and stated that it is really good to hear that people are enjoying working at MBTA.

Vice-Chair Wright's comments mirrored other Board Member comments, adding that the recent staff BBQ was awesome and he's looking forward to the next one.

Chair Abel verified that Paula Baldwin (Employee of the Quarter) was the dispatcher onsite when the Board toured the facility last year and thought she was very knowledgeable and found how she explained her job quite interesting.

Board Member Drozd added that the recent picture of the Board Members in front of the new electric bus was in the Hi-Desert Star yesterday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Abel further commented that it's nice to promote the rider's options and anytime there's an opportunity to be in the paper on a positive note, it's a good thing.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Michal Brock, Assistant Board Secretary